Reorganisation of Directorate for Crops

4037 SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted any Committee for studying the reorganisation of the Directorates for crops|commodities;

(b) if so, its composition, terms of reference and the date of constitution;

(c) the number of recommendations it has made since its composition;

(d) the details of the recommendations which have been accepted and implemented;

(e) the number of recommendations which have been accepted but not implemented; and

(f) the number of recommendations which have not been accepted together with the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (f) No standing committee has been studying reorganisation of the Crops Development Directorates. Therefore, the question of the Committee's composition, terms of reference or recommendations etc. does not arise. However, a small Departmental working Group under the Chairmanship of the then Special Secretary was constituted to work out proposals on the reorganisation of the Commodity Development Directorates. No final decision has been arrived, yet, on the reorganisation proposals.

Small, marginal and big farmers

4038. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of small, marginal and big farmers amongst the total population of farmers in the country particularly in the State of Punjab as on 31st December, 1994;

(b) the percentage of credit facilities utilised by each category of the farmers from the various banks and copperative societies in the country during this period; and

(c) the details thereof, state-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) As per the Agricultural Census 1990-91 the percentage of small, marginal and big operational holdings in India were 19.0 per cent 59.0 per cent and 1.6 per cent respectively. The corresponding percentages in respect of Punjab were 18.2 per cent, 26.4 per cent and 6.0 per cent. Data as on 31-12-94 is not available.

(b) The percentage of loan disbursed to small farmers through NABARD refinance during 1993-94 is 83 per cent and percentage of loans issued to small and Marginal farmers by Primary Agricultural Credit Societies during 1993-94 is 47 per cent.

(c) A statement indicating the state-wise assistance is enclosed.